

**Newsletter**  
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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

**Fri., April 28th** Early Release  
**Wed., May 3rd** May Crowning Mass - Kindergarten  
**Fri., May 5th** 5K Color walk/run 6:00 PM  
**Sun., May 7th** St. Anthony First Communion 8:30 AM  
St. Benedict First Communion 10:30 AM  
**Mon., May 8th** HFS School Board Mtg 6:30 PM  
**Fri., May 12th** Grandparents Day 12:30 p.m. Mass  
**Weds., May 17th** Blessing & Stations of the cross in the  
cemetery w/ Bishop Neary 1:30 PM

**MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

St. Catherine also established a monastery for women in 1377 outside of Siena. She wrote over 400 letters, her Dialogue, which is her definitive work, and her prayers. These works are so influential that St. Catherine would later be declared a Doctor of the Church. She is one of the most influential and popular saints in the Church.

St. Catherine's feast day is April 29, she is the patroness against fire, illness, the United States, Italy, miscarriages, people ridiculed for their faith, and nurses.

Mrs. Sowada

**EARLY RELEASE TOMORROW**

Tomorrow, April 28th is an Early Release Day. All HFS students will be dismissed at 12:00 p.m. as buses will be picking up students at noon. There will also be Childcare in the afternoon.

**ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS DAY**

Thank you to Gail Kokett and Jan Koopmeiners our Administrative Professionals at Holy Family School for all they do to help keep the school running smoothly and efficiently. Yesterday, April 26th was the national day for celebrating administrative professionals!

**NATIONAL TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK**

Next week marks "National Teacher Appreciation Week." We would like to recognize and thank all our teachers for their great dedication to HFS and the great work they do

here!! Thank you to the following teachers: Ms. Lori Ehlert, Mrs. Karen Neidermeier-Gill, Mrs. Nancy Young, Mrs. MaryKay Eynck, Mrs. Megan Giinthir, Ms. Kim Richter, Mrs. Nancy Lauer, Mrs. Kim Orbeck, Mrs. Donna Huckenpoehler, Ms. Kara Kraemer and Mrs. Karla Welle. We are a great school because of all you!!

**LUNCH/RECESS DUTY NOTICE**

All parents are required to sign in at the office before heading downstairs to help with lunch and recess duty by 11:20. Please mark your calendars when it is your day to help out. If you are unable to make it in, it is your responsibility to find a sub as soon as possible. Recess duty will be from 11:30 - 12:30. Please make sure to sign out when you are done. If you have made arrangements with a sub or another family to cover for you, please notify the office of any changes and send \$12 in for the sub. Thank you!

**VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

Fri., 4/28	EARLY DISMISSAL
Mon., 5/1	Jon & Reba Leither
Tues., 5/2	Todd & Katie Lisson
Weds., 5/3	Paul & Jessica Lust
Thurs., 5/4	Joe & Kristy Peternell
Fri., 5/5	Nick Primus/ Emma Overman

**ART CLUB**

Art Club will meet for the last time this year on May 2nd. Students will be going to the Pot Spot for painting and pizza. Students will need to be picked up at the Pot Spot in Avon at 4:00. **Permission slips need to be turned in by tomorrow, Friday, April 28th.**

**SCHOOL MASS & MAY CROWNING**

The next school Mass will be Wednesday, May 3rd, at 9:00 a.m. and will be prepared by Mrs. Young's Kindergarten class. This will also be the May Crowning Service. Please join us!

**ANNUAL HFS 5K IS NEXT WEEK- MAY 5TH!**

HFS's Color Run/Walk 5K is Friday, May 5th at 6:00 p.m. Anyone may participate so bring your friends! Registration flyers can be found via our school website: [holyfamilyalbany.com](http://holyfamilyalbany.com) or on School Speak. This will be a

great time together. Come and see if you can beat Mrs. Sowada!!

### **GOLF RAFFLE TICKETS**

One \$100 raffle ticket for the golf tournament was sent home in the folders a couple of weeks ago. Each family is asked to sell one ticket. There is a limit of only 100 tickets, so if you sell yours, please call the office as soon as possible to get another one. **Please return all tickets and money by Friday April 28th** Grand prize is \$2500!!!

### **HFS ACCEPTING SCHOOL BOARD NOMINATIONS**

There are three available board positions open for the 2023-2024 school year. Three of our current board members may either choose to run again for a 2nd term or complete their current term, ending June 30th. HFS parents are invited to contact Mrs. Sowada if interested in running or would like to nominate a person to run. The board along with the pastor will determine the method of selection. Members hold the position for a 3-year term. Meetings are held once a month, with the exception of July. Feel free to contact Mrs. Sowada with any questions - [msowada@holyfamilyalbany.com](mailto:msowada@holyfamilyalbany.com). Thank you for your interest in serving HFS!

### **GRANDPARENTS' DAY**

Mark your calendars...Holy Family School is excited for our upcoming Grandparents' Day, Friday, May 12th. Invitations were sent home last week for this fun event! Please let your grandparents know!

### **CO-CHAIR NEEDED FOR CHURCH BAZAAR**

#### **KIDS GAMES**

We are looking for another volunteer to co-chair the kids games for the SD church bazaar. SD church bazaar is Aug 13th. This will count as 3 work slots for the 2023-2024 school year. If interested, contact the school office for more information.

### **SPOTLIGHT ON A FAMILY**

#### **The Gertken Family**

Jamie and Cassie Gertken have four children. Cora is in 7th grade, Lydia is in 6th grade, Nolan is in 3rd grade and Maya is in 1st grade. Nolan and Maya are currently students at HFS and Cora and Lydia also attended HFS. Jamie is a hoof trimmer and Cassie is a Special Education teacher at AHS. They enjoy games, camping, music/concerts, spending time on the lake, fishing and hunting. One of their favorite places to go is to the North Shore! Nolan and Maya love recess and the school dance!



### **Nora Primus Family**

Nora is in 1st grade this year. Her parents are Emma and Jared Overman and Nick Primus. Nora has a brother, Leeland and sister, Gracen Overman. They also just welcomed a baby boy, Kepner into their family on April 20th! They like to camp, play outdoors, and spend time creating stories with toys. Their family really enjoys the HFS color run with Grandma.

### **HFS WILL BE HOSTING CAMP INVENTION THIS SUMMER**

*Make New Discoveries this Summer at Camp Invention!* HFS will be hosting Camp Invention again this summer June 12th-16th. This is a national STEM education camp/program open to all students going into K-6th grade (students need not attend HFS). **Register by March 30th at [INVENT.ORG/CAMP](https://www.invent.org/camp) and save \$25!**

### **SOFTBALL/BASEBALL GLOVES**

Thank you to those that donated gloves. They are going to make the softball/baseball unit a big success. I am so excited to share your generosity with the students! Mrs. Welle

### **LOST AND FOUND**

Please check the lost and found table for items that may belong to you. Anything that is left here at the end of the school year will be donated to The Mother Seton Store!

### **PREK & PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION**

We are still accepting registrations for both our PreK and Preschool classes for next year. If you know of anyone who may be interested please contact the school office!

### **SHOP WITH SCRIP!**

Thank you to all those who have purchased Scrip so far this year! We continue to offer a wide variety of gift cards for all your shopping needs ((both local and retail store cards)! To make Scrip shopping easy, consider downloading the RaiseRight app or create an account at [Shopwithscrip.com](https://www.shopwithscrip.com) The enrollment code is 4F9LCA836L12 Let Scrip help with all your everyday shopping needs! **We have a variety of cards on hand but some cards may need to be ordered. For cards that need to be ordered, please place your order by Monday to ensure delivery by Friday of the same week.**

### **HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT**

*Holy Family School is a Christ-centered family. We strive to help each child reach his or her potential in an environment where our Catholic faith is lived and celebrated.*